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Threads of Time Vol. 1

[illegible] Mori Bin Kun [illegible] Sai Kyuu Kun [illegible] Sai Kyuu Kun, the son [illegible] family in 14th Century Korea [illegible] Korye. After [illegible] Mori Bin falls into [illegible] Sai Kyuu's presence [illegible] Korye [illegible] Mori Bin finds himself [illegible] Genghis Khan decrees that Korye should be conquered. Sah Taiyo, the most trusted and feared general of the Mongol army, is appointed to lead the invasion into the peninsula. Opposing him is Mori Bin's 14th Century father, the legendary warrior Kim Kyuu Sahn.

Threads of Time Vol. 2

Using the cover of dark and substantial weight, the stunning [illegible] Genghis Khan, Alan Hadus is made secret [illegible] command to the ruthless Sah Taiyo. Her first mission is [illegible] secret into the heart of Korye to split the ruling class and the defensive forces. To the people in the Qhin Zhin Palace, Mori Bin happens upon the gentle assistant she is bathing in a river [illegible] and is startled at unusual shade by her beauty. At the same time, Kim Kyuu Sahn discovers the true identity of Alan Hadus [illegible] and orders her arrest. Unaware, Alan Hadus pretends to be a spy of the enemy, the impetuous Mori Bin helps her escape capture. Returning to Sah Taiyo, Alan Hadus learns that a full-scale invasion of Korye has begun.

Threads of Time Vol. 3

In an all out assault, the Mongol army ravages the northern [illegible] and outposts of the land. With their handling of the [illegible] muscle and ferocity, south-bound Qhin Zhin Palace, the stronghold of Korye's defense, General Sah Taiyo [illegible] Korye an ultimatum: surrender to the characteristic ferocity of the Mongol army or face total annihilation. With his valor unmatched by the Mongols, the elite Kim Kyung Sahn upholds [illegible] resistance. Despite [illegible] army, the Korye palace [illegible] the storm of [illegible] Mongol siege. On the field of battle, the two commanders [illegible] mutual respect and [illegible] Kim Kyung-Sahn unconditionally [illegible] keeping the hopes of [illegible] alive for one more day.

Threads of Time Vol. 4

[illegible] Sah Taiyo [illegible] Sah Taiyo [illegible] Kim Kyung Sahn [illegible] Mongol [illegible] Kah Kyung, the [illegible] the rape and invasion [illegible] household. Witnessing the [illegible] fellow soldiers, Alan Hadus [illegible] the splendor and charms of the Korye [illegible] Wolkong, a prince [illegible] Kah Kung, she is reunited with the [illegible] Mori Bin. Seeking to expire Mori Bin [illegible] her entire assistance. Alan Hadus returns to the slaughter and [illegible] Mori Bin returns to the land and saves [illegible] Humble by adoption [illegible] 14th Century family, Mori Bin returns to his home to find that [illegible] his home as his secret identity has been destroyed.

Threads of Time Vol. 5

Still mourning the loss of his mother and the [illegible] of his home, Mori Bin Kun recalls [illegible] his head of his sister's calling for "revenge." Re-acquainted with Chang-Wan, he is convinced to declare an invasion to the land, rescuing the Korye people and [illegible] the [illegible] of the Mongols. Meanwhile, the Korye palace [illegible] control of the country to the Mongol hordes, [illegible] the shocking surprise of General Kim Kyung Sahn, who has fought tirelessly for the preservation of his country only to be betrayed by its leaders. But this betrayal turns to nightmare ride in the Mongol's pursuit the fate [illegible] with the land of his birth. Time stands [illegible] but hardly [illegible] the [illegible] fate of Qhin Zhu Castle.

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Chapter 24
A Father's Will

GONE...

!
GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN
I'LL HAVE ONE.
AH, IT'S GOOD.
THIS WARDS OFF WINTER'S ICY BREATH.
HUH?

GENERAL?
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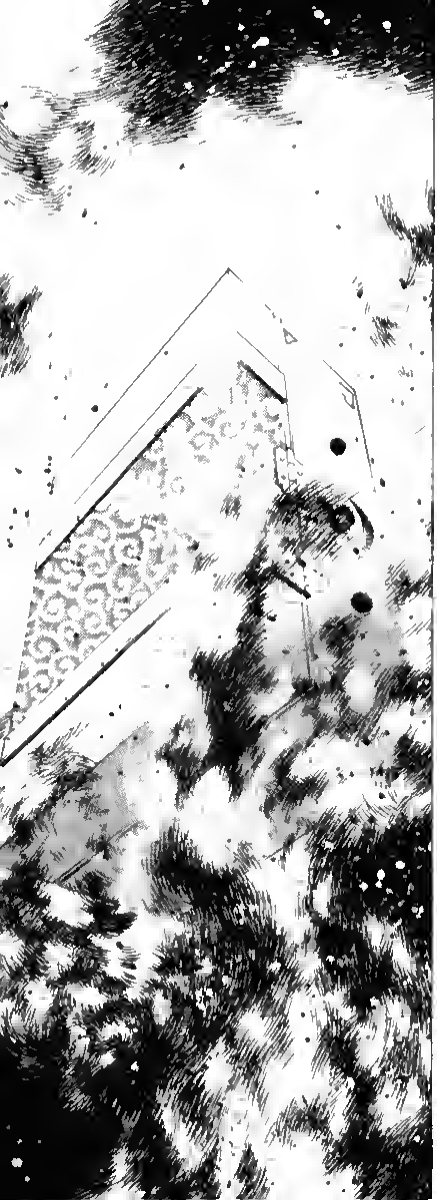

THAT LOOKS EXTREMELY VALUABLE, GENERAL..
WHY BURN IT?

NOTHING I NEED ANYMORE.
IT'S NOTHING...
WE ALL HAVE TO MOVE ON.
YES.. O-OF COURSE
타닥
타닥

MY FELLOW GENERAL, KIM KYUNG-SOHN...
VETERAN OF SO MANY CAMPAIGNS AND BATTLES...
I'M HUMBLED THAT YOU PROTECT THE MORALE OF THE SOLDIERS, EVEN NOW.
BUT, GENERAL...
THE SOUND OF YOUR HEART DYING...
...DEAFENS MY EARS.
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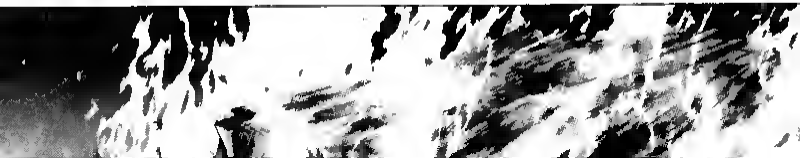
THOUGH YOU CANNOT SHED A TEAR FOR YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COLD MANNER SPEAKS YOUR SADNESS.

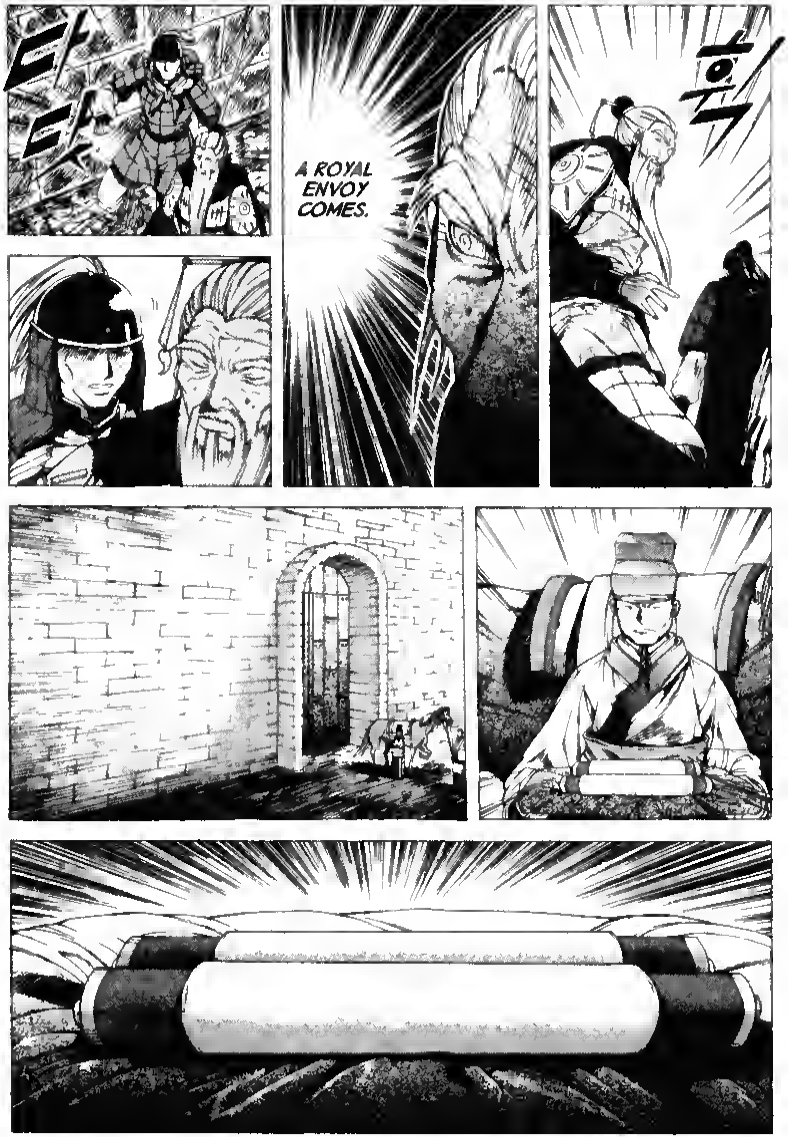
I AM SORRY.

DON'T YOU GET TENSE WHEN THE GENERALS ARE AROUND?
THEY MUST BE COLD AS WELL. LIKE US, THEY ARE HUMAN.
TOO TRUE.



WHA?

OH, GENERAL KIM!!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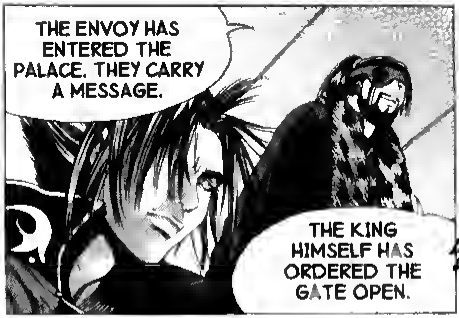
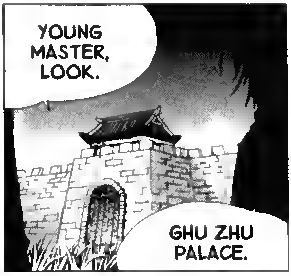
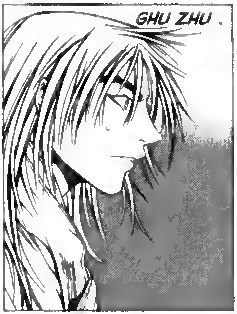

THE ENVOY HAS ENTERED THE PALACE. THEY CARRY A MESSAGE.
THE KING HIMSELF HAS ORDERED THE GATE OPEN.

THOSE PROUD BASTARDS FROM GHU ZHU WON'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT.

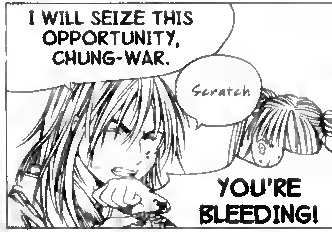
THEY TASTE DEFEAT WITHOUT EVEN SAMPLING THE MEAL!


YOUNG MASTER, LOOK.
GHU ZHU PALACE.


GHU ZHU

IS THAT WHERE MY FATHER IS?

Scratch
Scratch
YOUNG MASTER!


I WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, CHUNG-WAR.
Scratch
YOU'RE BLEEDING!

I'M GOING TO FIND A WAY TO SMACK THESE PUNKS DOWN.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO CUT OFF MY WRISTS!

I'M GOING TO JOIN MY FATHER.
BY THE KING'S COMMAND...?
AH!
I SEE! THE MONGOLS SENT THIS!
THEY HOPE TO CATCH US UNPREPARED AS WE DELIBERATE SURRENDER!
THAT MAKES SENSE!

WHILE WE ARE DISTRACTED, THEY FINALIZE THEIR WAR PLANS. WE MUST GET READY!

YOU ALL AGREE, RIGHT? SOMEBODY SAY SOMETHING!

THIS CAN'T BE HOW IT ENDS.

IT CAN'T BE...

DEFEAT...?
MY HORSE!
BRING ME MY STEED!

!
GENERAL! WAIT!
.....

DO YOU REMEMBER? I WAS IN THE STREET, EATING TRASH.
YOU TOOK ME IN AND RAISED ME TO BE A MAN.. AND A DEFENDER OF OUR LAND
I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT DEBT.
I, WHO AM FRAUGHT WITH FAULT, CAN LEAP BEYOND THEM...BECAUSE OF YOU!
YOU PULLED ME FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR!
I, TOO, OWE YOU A DEBT!
MINE IS A LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. NOW, I RETURN IT.

LEAD US.
MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GENERAL HAVE COME TO AN END. NOW I ACT ONLY AS HEAD OF MY HOUSEHOLD.
STEP ASIDE.
THIS IS...
...MY PERSONAL WAR.

EVEN..
EVEN IF YOU DO NOT LEAD, WE WILL FOLLOW!
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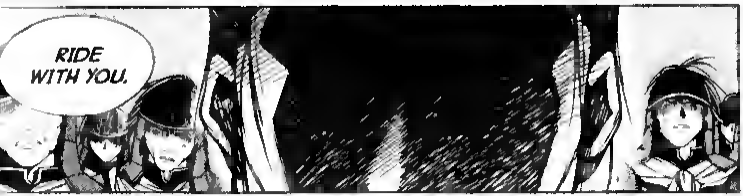
YI!

DO NOT STEP OVER THIS LINE.
MY FINAL ORDER.
OPEN THE GATE!

GO ALONE IF YOU MUST.

BUT KNOW...
...OUR HEARTS...


RIDE WITH YOU.

THE GATE!
THE GATE OF GHU ZHU IS OPENING!
GREAT KHAN'S GLORY!
THE GATE THAT HAS HELD AGAINST SO MANY ATTACKS FALLS TO A SIMPLE MESSAGE!

THEY QUAKE BEFORE THE MIGHTY ARM OF KHAN!
GHU ZHU TREMBLES BEFORE US! VICTORY IS OURS!
HUH?
A LONE RIDER APPROACHES!
THEY ARE TOO COWARDLY TO SEND MORE THAN A SINGLE MAN FOR TERMS OF SURRENDER?
THEY ARE BROKEN!
UH, SIR...
COULD IT BE?
!

IT'S KIM KYUNG-SOHN!

WHAT...
...DO I SEE...?
WITH HIM...

...HE CARRIES THE SPIRITS OF TEN THOUSAND SOLDIERS!
SUCH IS THE STRENGTH OF HIS WILL!

DID SALI TAYI ANTICIPATE THIS MOMENT?

ADVANCE ON THE PALACE!
.....
BUT DO NOT LAY A FINGER ON GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN!

HIS HEAD WILL BE MY WAR TROPHY!!

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Upon receiving the package of his wife's severed head from the Mongols, Kim Kyung-Sohn burns the box. When the troops at Ghu-Zhu Palace get word of the Mongol troops approaching, Kim Kyung-Sohn decides to take matters into his own hands and face the troops...all alone. Sali Tayi is stunned by Kim Kyung-Sohn's lone presence. The strength of his presence, though, is not merely that of any ordinary man—he fights like an army of thousands!

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Chapter 25
Death in Battle

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WHY DOES SALI TAYI CONTINUE TO FIGHT?
WE HAVE ALREADY WON THE WAR!
AND YET...
THINK AS SALI TAYI THINKS.
LOOK UPON THE KORYO SOLDIERS AS HE DOES.
RECOGNIZE THEIR WILL TO RESIST.
SEE INTO THEIR SOULS.
THEY DO NOT BOW, EVEN WHEN THEIR KING HAS PLEDGED HIS SERVICE TO US.

IF WE DO NOT TEACH THEM TRUE DESPAIR...
.THEY WILL BARE THEIR POISONOUS TEETH AT US AGAIN.
AN AMAZING COUNTRY.
I HAVE ENJOYED EASY VICTORY IN WAR, BUT MY PATH HAS BEEN STALLED HERE IN KORYO.
THE IMPEDIMENT APPEARS TO BE YOU.

DID YOU LIKE THE GIFT I SENT YOU?

HE APPROACHES LIKE THE SPIRIT OF DEATH...
JUST AS I FORESAW IT.
LOOK AT HIM!

WAIT NO LONGER FOR YOUR DESTINY!
I HAVE YOUR FATE, KIM KYUNG-SOHN. COME, EMBRACE IT.
POUR YOUR SOUL INTO YOUR SWORD AND HAVE AT ME!

TWO WARRIORS DO BATTLE!
BOTH ARE GENERALS! A MONGOL FACES ONE OF OUR OWN!
?
I SAW HIM AT THE MONGOL CAMP!

FATHER?
What?
MASTER KIM KYUNG-SOHN!
IF THE WAR IS OVER
...WHY IS FATHER STILL FIGHTING?!

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GENERAL KIM!
WE MONGOLS ARE RAISED ON HORSEBACK FROM BIRTH. WE DO NOT FALL FROM OUR SADDLE.
BUT THAT'S TWICE NOW THAT SALI TAYI HAS BEEN UNSEATED BY KIM KYUNG-SOHN!

Gasp
Gasp

TO BEHOLD SUCH A CLASH!

I HAVE TRAVELED TO THE ENDS OF THE CONTINENT AND CONQUERED MANY LANDS.
NEVER BEFORE HAVE I SEEN A PEOPLE WHO FIGHT ON WITH SHOVELS EVEN AFTER THEIR KING HAS ABANDONED THEM.
NOR HAVE MY FEET EVER TOUCHED THE GROUND DURING BATTLE.
THE PEOPLE OF KORYO EMBODY THE FIERCENESS OF AN ANIMAL CORNERED.

BUT THAT ALL ENDS...
...NOW!!

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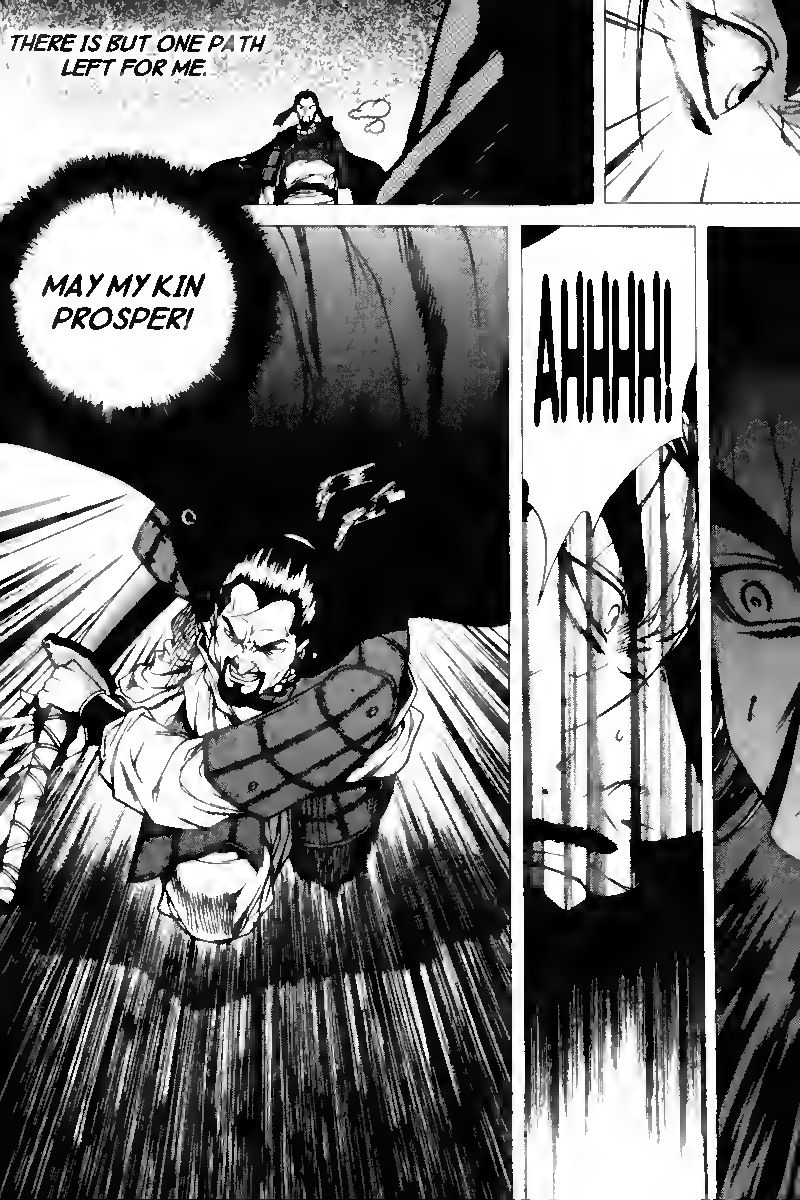
MY STRENGTH WANES.
THIS MONGOL IS YOUNG, BUT...
...HIS SPIRIT IS AGELESS!


THERE IS BUT ONE PATH LEFT FOR ME.
MAY MY KIN PROSPER!
AHHHH!

NOT YET!

ACK!

Cough
Cough
Cough

MY WIFE... FORGIVE ME.

AND SOON I WILL BE WITH YOU.
...

PEOPLE OF KORYO!
WE ARE TESTED SO THAT WE MAY PROVE OURSELVES!!
DO NOT GIVE UP!
TO MY SON! I BELIEVE IN YOU!

KORYO...
...WILL STAND...
FOREVER!!
!!
AND NEVER FORGET...

MY FATHER IS GONE.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH MY LIFE?

FAREWELL, KIM KYUNG-SOHN.

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까악

EAT THIS, YOUNG MASTER.
. . .
. . . .
LISTEN
THAT DAY IN KEH-KUNG WHEN THE MONGOLS ARRIVED AT OUR HOME...

THE MAN WHO STRUCK YOUR MOTHER DOWN...
...IS THE VERY SAME MAN WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER.
HE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, TOO. MY LADY WOULD NOT YIELD.
I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY... BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS...
Oh...
I'M SO SORRY.
A PUZZLE...

THE FIRST PIECE!

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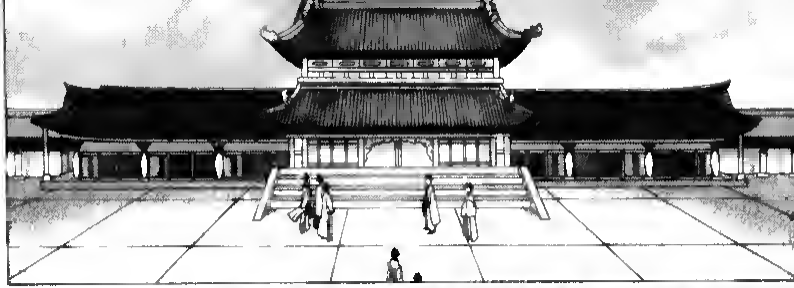
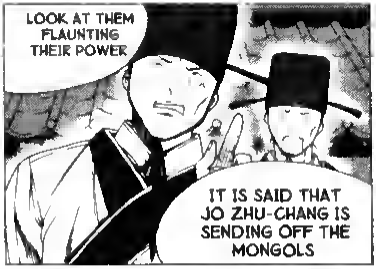
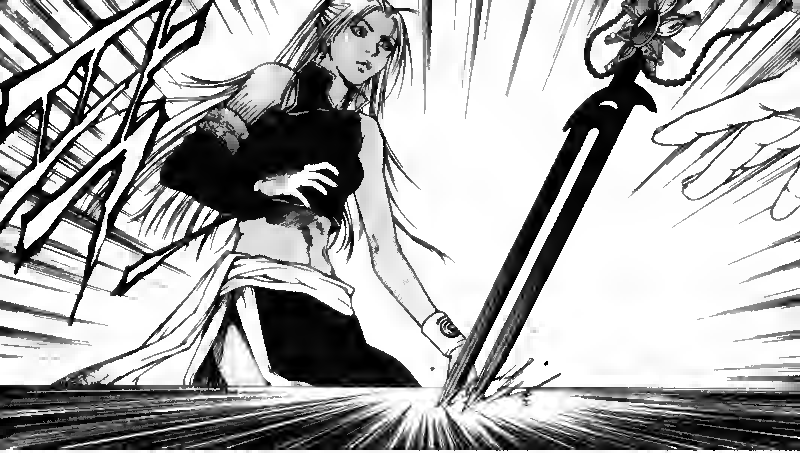


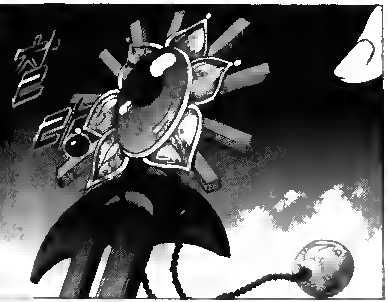
Darugachi: Position instituted by the Mongols to control a conquered area.

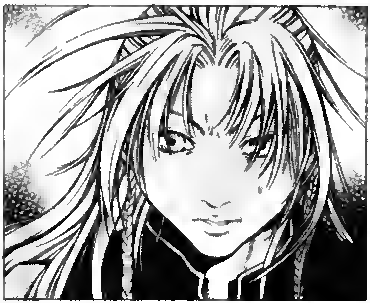


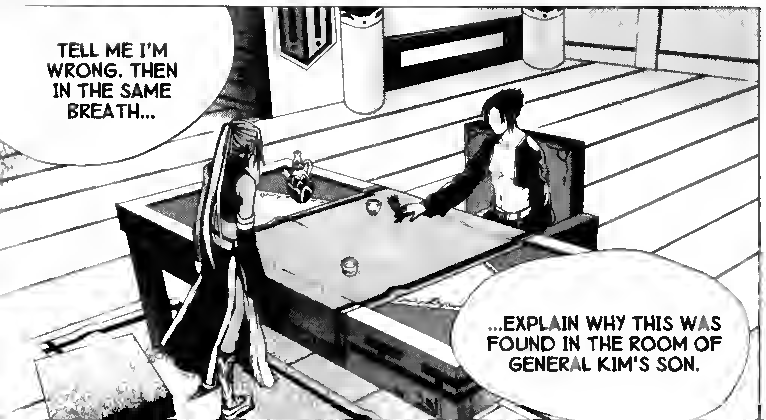
AS SURE AS RAIN FOLLOWS STORM CLOUDS...
January, 1232
Yaru River
Sniff
Sniff
OUR HOMELAND IS RECEDING INTO THE HORIZON...
Sniff

AS YOU HAD WISHED...
YOU HAVE GAINED EXPERIENCE IN WAR. YES?
IT'S DIFFICULT TO MEASURE GAIN..
...WHEN FORCED TO STAY AT THE REAR WITH SERVANTS AND PRISONERS.
EH?!
YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF AS STURDY AS A MIGHTY TREE. YOU ARE AS DELICATE AS A PETAL.
FAR FROM A SOLDIER, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE AT MY SIDE.
Wha...?








TELL ME I'M WRONG. THEN IN THE SAME BREATH...
...EXPLAIN WHY THIS WAS FOUND IN THE ROOM OF GENERAL KIM'S SON.

IN WAR, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR GENEROSITY, COMPASSION OR CO-EXISTENCE. YOU CAN NOT AFFORD TO BE SENSITIVE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
BEING OF THE SENSITIVE GENDER, YOU CANNOT HELP IT. YOUR HEART ACHES FOR SUFFERING.
BUT WAR *IS* SUFFERING! YOU ARE NOT HARD ENOUGH TO BEAR IT.
WHEN YOU PROVE OTHERWISE, THEN I WILL CALL UPON YOU AS A SOLDIER.

DON'T CONFUSE YOUR PERSONAL AGENDA WITH THE GOALS OF OUR PEOPLE.
FOR A MASTER STRATEGIST, YOUR LOGIC IS FAULTY.
AS A SPY I WAS MORE CONCERNED FOR MY SAFETY THAN FOR ITEMS THAT I MAY HAVE DROPPED
IF THAT IS TRUE, IT IS A GOOD FIRST STEP.
.....

YOU MAY GO NOW.
HE KNOWS! OR DOES HE?!
쟈르륵
IT'S TRUE THAT MY FEELINGS ARE SECONDARY TO THE CAUSE. BUT TO BE LIKE AN ANIMAL THAT KNOWS NO GRATITUDE?
I HAVE COME THIS FAR ON MY OWN ACCORD. MY STRENGTH COMES FROM BEING TRUE TO MYSELF.

STILL, I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL HOW I TREAD. I MUST CONSIDER MY ACTIONS.
What I should have told Sali Tayi is.....
(I don't care about any kenja boy
AND YET...
I HOPE HE STILL LIVES.

덜컹!
덜컹

WE CRY, BUT THERE ARE NO MORE TEARS TO SHED.

What, Young Master?
Stop staring at me!
I'VE NOTICED SOMETHING
YOU'VE BEEN REALLY STRONG, CHUNG-WAR.
THANK YOU.
Why are you thanking a servant girl? It's making me blush
YOUNG MASTER, I HAVE SO MUCH FEAR.
THEN ORGET IT
I AM NOT STRONG.
IT IS ONLY THROUGH YOUR STRENGTH THAT I CAN FIND MY OWN.

THAT THOUGHT HAS BROUGHT ME COMFORT...
...FOR A WHILE.
IT'S A PLEASANT THOUGHT.
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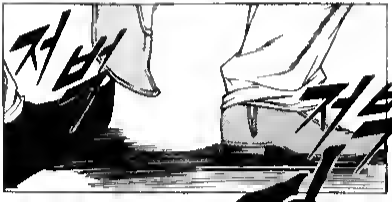
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AHHH!
STOP SQUIRMING! IT'S A BLESSING TO ATTEND TO A MAN OF MY CHARACTER.
!
THE MORE YOU FIGHT, THE MORE YOU'LL BRUISE!

STOP!
YOUNG MASTER!

I'M PATHETIC!
THEY JUST TAKE...
...EVERYTHING I LOVE.

YOUNG MASTER.
LOOK. I GOT SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOU TO EAT.
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW DELICIOUS IT IS.
EAT, YOUNG MASTER.

IT'S SO GOOD.
.....
CHUNG-WAR...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT.

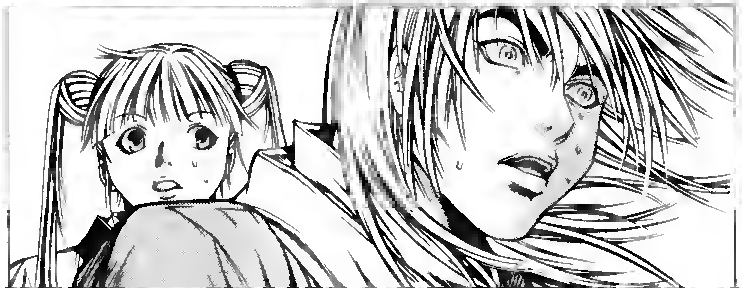
I'LL GET STRONG!
SO THEY CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING ELSE AWAY...
SO I WON'T HURT LIKE THIS...
I WILL BECOME POWERFUL!!

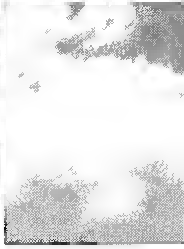
IF I HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE FOR VENGEANCE...
AND I'M BEING SHOWN HOW TO DO IT...
...AND GET THE HELL HOME!
THEN I WILL EXACT MY REVENGE!

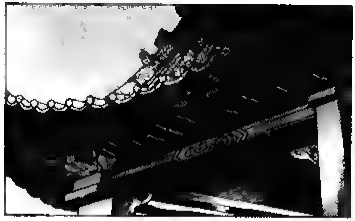
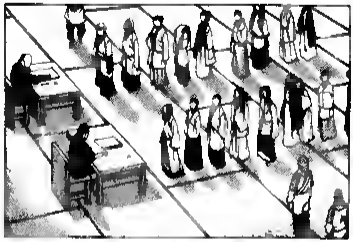
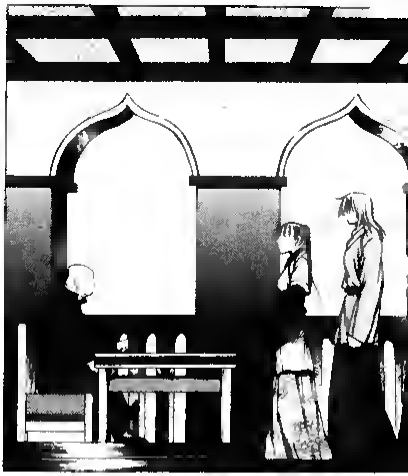
AND...
I WILL NOT LET THESE THINGS HAPPEN AGAIN!
THE MONGOLS SCREAM WITH JOY?
?

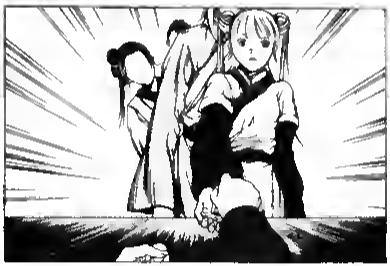
LOOK!
THERE IT IS!
THE CITY!

Karakorum - Capital of the Mongol Nation situated above the Oru River







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I'M BORED TO DEATH.

WHERE DO WE GO?
ALL WHO HAVE STAMPED PALMS COME FORWARD!
!
COME HERE!
YOUNG MASTER!!
!

CHUNG-
WAR!!

TAKE THEM AWAY!
……!
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WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY WERE TAKEN?

TO BUREAUCRATS AS PRESENTS, I IMAGINE.
!
AM I NOT PRESENTABLE?
I can't serve even as a spoil of war?!
I'M SURE THEY'LL FIND SOME USE FOR YOU.

EVERYONE OUT.
FORM A LINE!
WHAT INSULT COMES NEXT?

HAHHHHH!
HAHHHH!
HAHHHH!

THIRD ONE!
HM... THAT SECOND ONE LOOKS VERY STRONG.

THE THIRD ONE LOOKS GOOD, TOO.
THE BIDDING WILL BE FIERCE.

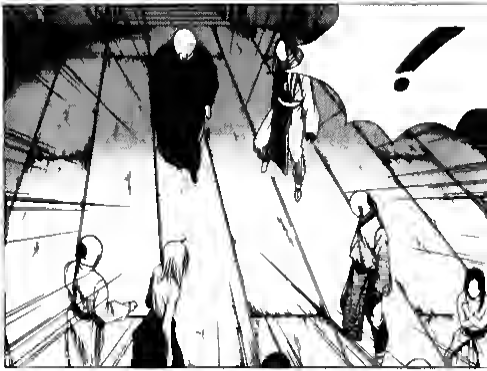
WE GOT SOME GOOD WARES HERE.
AHH!
WE'LL OPEN THE AUCTION!
WITH THIS FINE SPECIMEN!
OH! PLEASE!
MOTHER!

WHAT CAN I DO?!

STAY STILL!
NO!

AGH! WHAT IS THIS?
THAT'S NO WOMAN ...
SIR! SIR!

WHAT?!
UM...WELL... LOOK!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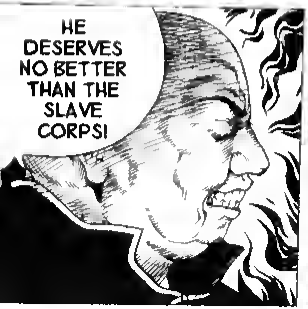
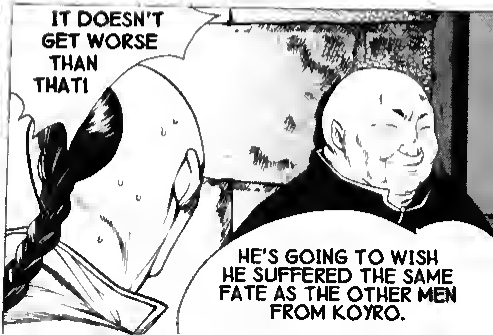
GRAB HIM AND FOLLOW ME.

HOO, BOY!
HE DIDN'T LOOK VERY HAPPY...
OKAY! WE WILL START AGAIN! FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS ONE!
DO YOU KNOW THE SHAME THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT DOWN ON ME?!
MY CUSTOMERS EXPECT QUALITY AND HIGH STANDARDS!
YOU'VE MADE ME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE CITY!
YOU INSOLENT TRASH!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BREAK ME?

BRING IT ON, MAN!
I'LL ONLY GET STRONGER!

WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM?
HE SMEARED THE REPUTATION I SPENT THIRTY YEARS BUILDING!


HE DESERVES NO BETTER THAN THE SLAVE CORPS!


IT DOESN'T GET WORSE THAN THAT!
HE'S GOING TO WISH HE SUFFERED THE SAME FATE AS THE OTHER MEN FROM KOYRO.

BECAUSE IN THE CORPS...
...YOU'RE NEVER REALLY ALIVE... OR DEAD!

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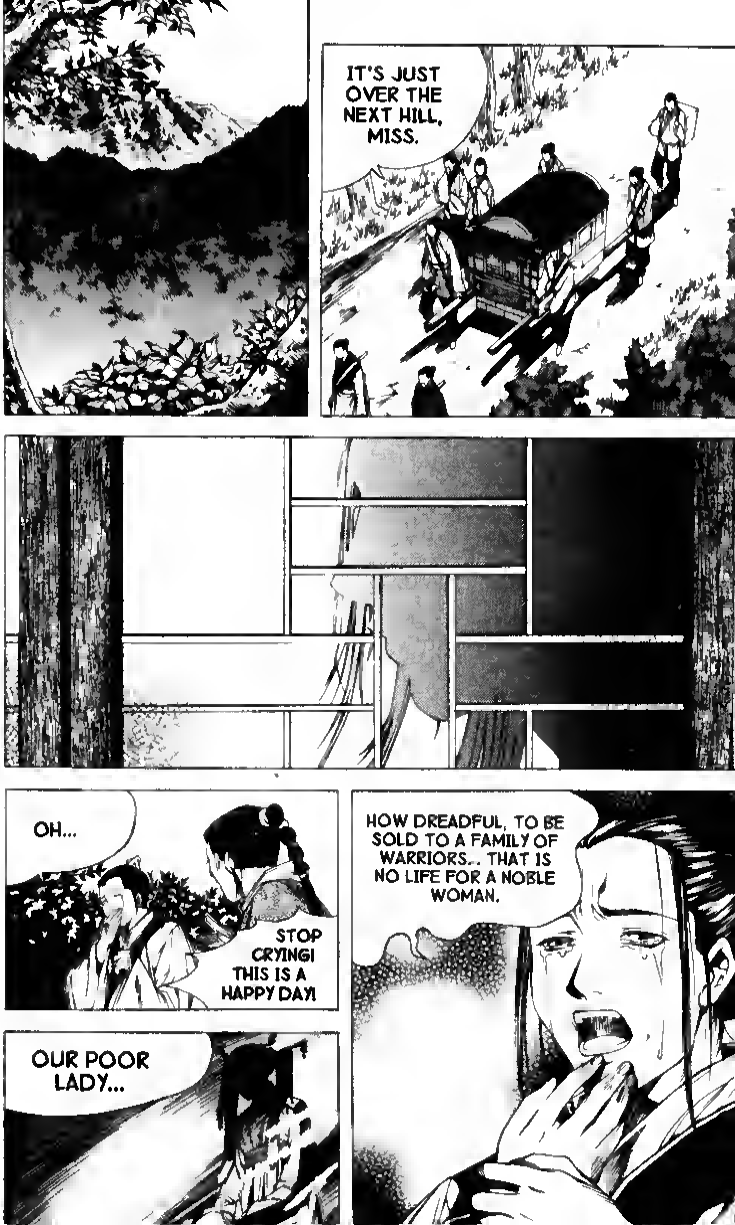
Chapter 27
A Distant Memory

THE FAMILY HEIRLOOM!
IT'S GONE! BUT WHERE?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SWORD, I HEARD THE YOUNG MASTER TOOK IT ON A TIGER HUNT
AGAIN ...?
YES, SIR.
KIM KYUNG-SOHN SMEARS MY FACE WITH DIRT EVEN ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT DAY!
MY SON WILL LEARN RESPONSIBILITY!


IT'S JUST OVER THE NEXT HILL, MISS.
OH...
STOP CRYING! THIS IS A HAPPY DAY!
HOW DREADFUL, TO BE SOLD TO A FAMILY OF WARRIORS.. THAT IS NO LIFE FOR A NOBLE WOMAN.
OUR POOR LADY...

HEY, MY LEGS ARE KILLING ME. LET'S REST HERE A WHILE
HAVE YOU NOT HEARD? A MAN-EATING TIGER PROWLS THESE PARTS!
WE HAVE TO GET OFF OF THE ROAD BEFORE NIGHTFALL!
WHAT?!
TIGER?
QUIET!
!

STAY SHARP.
WHAT WAS THAT?

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NOOOOOOO!
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RUN!!
WE NEED MORE MEN!

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ALMOST GOT IT!

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WHO'S OUT THERE?

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HE FACED THE TIGER ALONE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I STILL LIVE.
AS IT IS MY WEDDING DAY, I CANNOT SIMPLY THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE.
BUT I OWE YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE AND WILL REPAY IT IN TIME.

NO DEBT OWED.
PERHAPS...
THOUGH HER VOICE QUIVERS THERE IS STRENGTN BEHIND IT.
MY LADY!
AH! YOUR PROTECTORS RETURN.

WELL THEN, I'M AFTER THAT TIGER.
AT LEAST ALLOW ME TO THANK YOU BY YOUR PROPER NAME.
.....
MISS
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
.....

HOW CAN YOU JUST DECIDE THIS WITHOUT TELLING ME?
YOUR UNION WITH THE DAUGHTER OF A CIVIL OFFICIAL WILL BRING GREAT REWARDS!
DON'T USE ME AS A STEPPING STONE TO NOBILITY.
STOP YOUR SELFISH NONSENSE!
CONSIDER YOUR FAMILY.

MASTER, THE CARRIAGE HAS ARRIVED.
GREET YOUR BRIDE.
HAPPY DAY, YOUNG MASTER.
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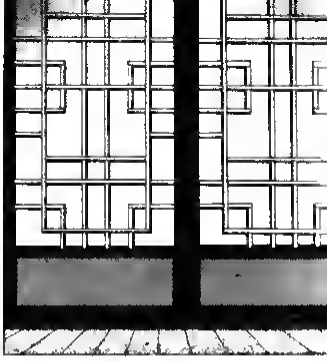
WOW! WHAT EXQUISITE BEAUTY! PERFECT!
OUR YOUNG MASTER IS BLESSED
YOUNG MASTER! YOU HAVE SOME LUCK!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

HER FACE, HER PERSONALITY— WHY CONSIDER ANY OF THESE THINGS?

I WED FOR FAMILY PRIVILEGE...

...SO HOW I FEEL IS NOT A FACTOR.

The bride is so refined.
I guess the Young Master's days of roaming wild across the mountainside are over.



THIS IS THE SWORD.
YOU SAVED MY LIFE ON THE ROAD.

HA HA...
HA HA HA HA...
!
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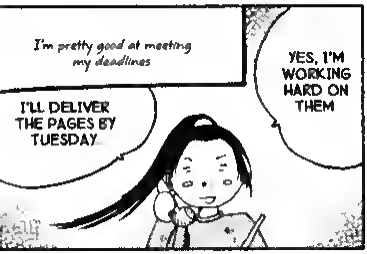
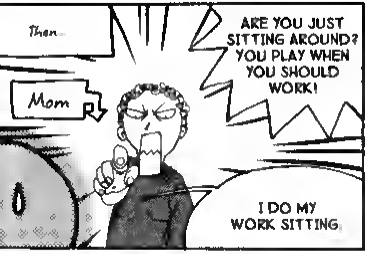
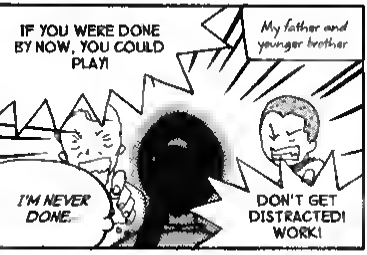
NO MATTER THE STRUGGLE, NO MATTER WHAT DANGER...
...I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU.

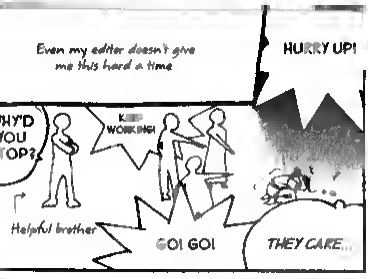
AND WHEN YOU ARE NOT NEAR?
THAT DAY WILL NEVER ARRIVE.
I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

MY FAMILY HELPS









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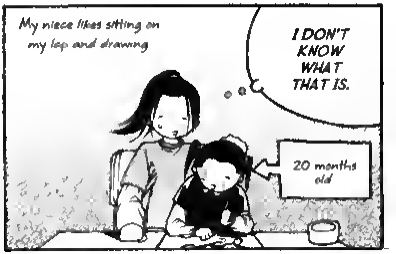
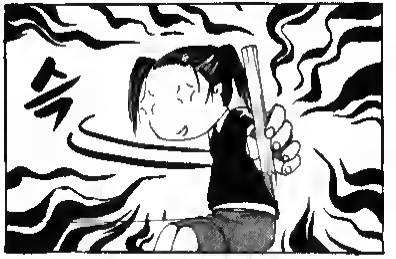
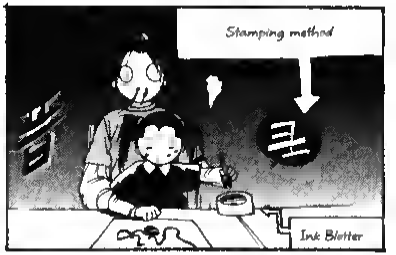
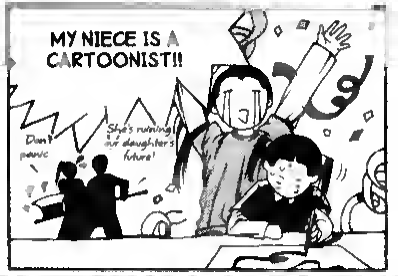
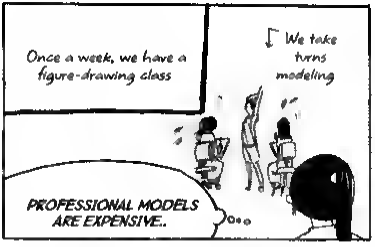


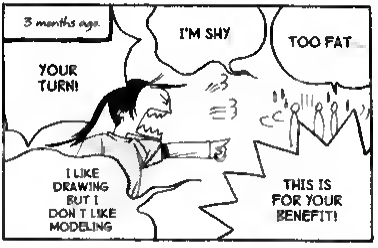




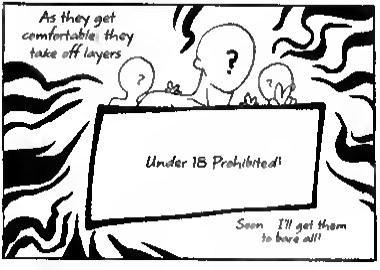


THE HUMAN FORM

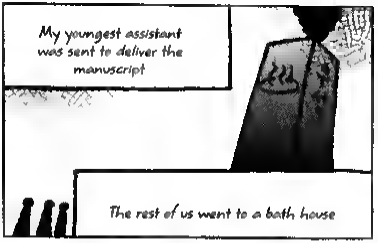


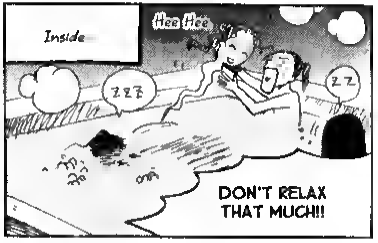


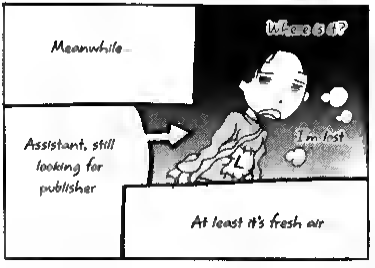
I finally convinced them by saying
they could wear their own clothes
They have to work on their poses. They're stiffer than mannequins



TAKING A BREAK







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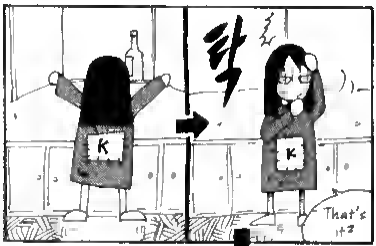

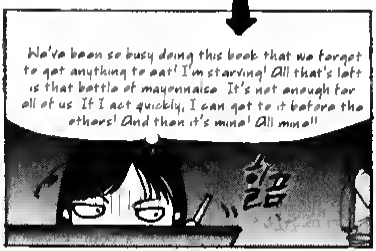
We've been so busy doing this book that we forget to eat anything to eat! I'm starving! All that's left is that bottle of mayonnaise. It's not enough for all of us. If I act quickly, I can get to it before the others! And then it's mine! All mine!!
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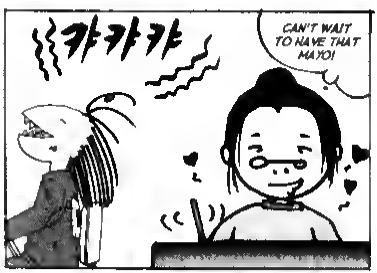
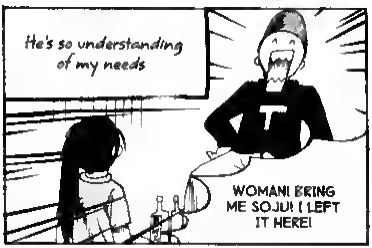
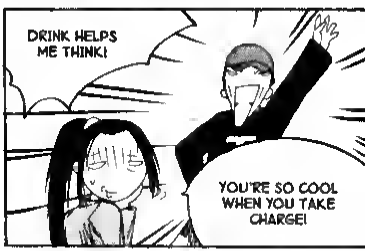
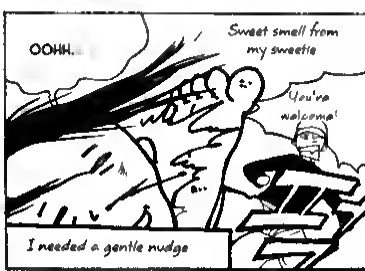


PERFECT BOYFRIEND

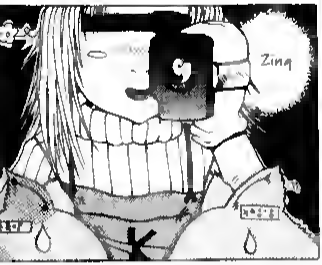


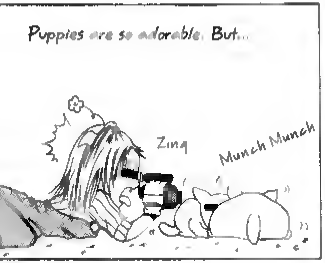


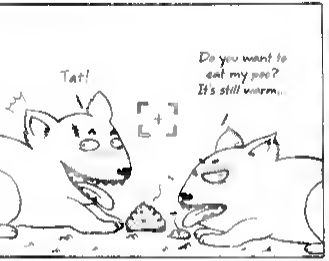


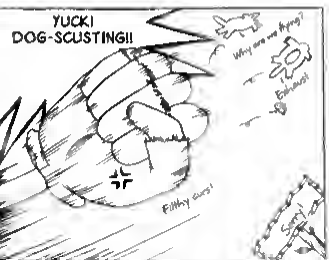
In the author's sleep, she is a fierce warrior
PERCHANCE TO DREAM
WE NEED TO GET PAID!
I WANT MY MONEY!
YESTERDAY!
The boss looks peaceful.
I SHOULD LET HER SLEEP.
NO! MAKE HER PAY UP!
UM, BOSS... LET'S CHAT.
DO YOU VALUE MY SERVICE?
I WILL KILL ALL OF YOU... YOU WORTHLESS SCUM...
YIPES!
Money's not important!

DOG DAYS


Zing

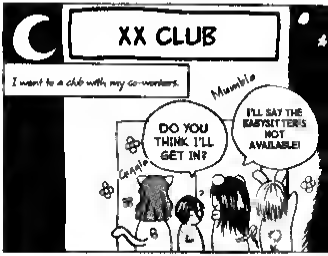

Puppies are so adorable. But...
Zing
Munch Munch

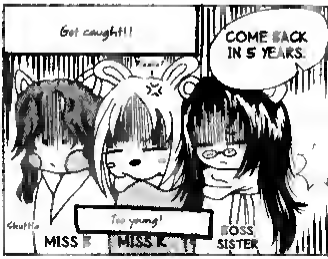

Tat!
Do you want to eat my poo? It's still warm...

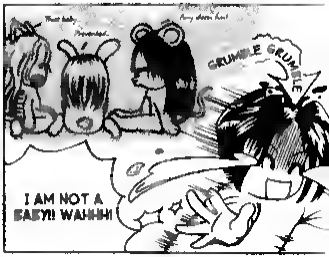

YUCK! DOG-SCUSTING!!
Why are we here?
Exhaust
Filthy cur!
Sniff

Miss L is the youngest in the studio.

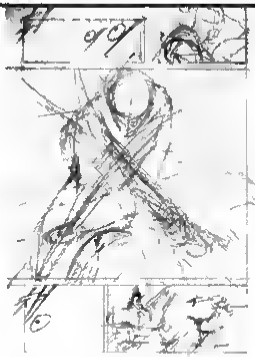
MINOR PROBLEM





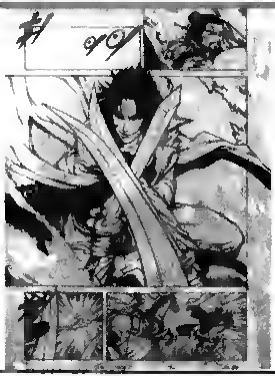


This is how Threads of Time is made!!



ROUGHS
I GET A ROUGH VERSION OF THE ACTION AND THE DIALOGUE DOWN ON PAPER. NORMALLY I LOOK AT 2-3 DRAFTS AND GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL AND LOOK AT THE DRAFT ONE MORE TIME. THIS IS THE PART THAT GIVES ME THE MOST GRIEF AND THE PART THAT I MOST WANT TO AVOID

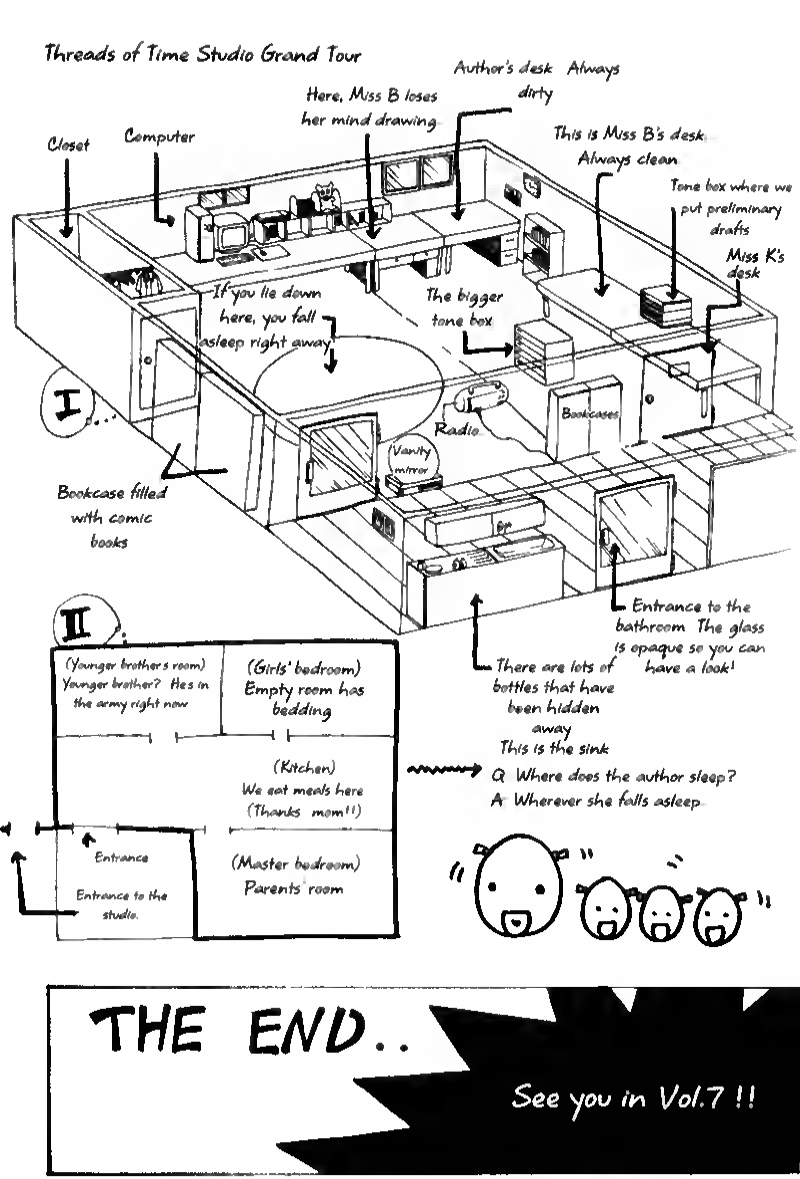
PENCILS
I THINK THIS TAKES ABOUT 2-3 HOURS. THIS IS THE PART THAT TESTS THE LIMITS OF MY ABILITIES THE MOST. DEPENDING ON THE CONDITION, THE OUTPUT FLUCTUATES A LOT FROM 2 TO 8 PAGES A DAY



DETAILS
THIS IS WHEN I HAVE TO ENLIVEN THE SKETCH, SO IT TAKES LOT OF CAREFUL WORK. BUT IT IS NOT A JOB IN WHICH YOU BRING SOMETHING FROM NOTHING, SO REGARDLESS OF MY CONDITION, I PRODUCE A SOLID 4-5 PAGES DAY.

FINISH!! (INKING + REVISION + TONE)
THE BACKGROUND IS THE RESULT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S HARD WORK. IT IS WORK THAT REQUIRES SOME SENSE OF COLOR SCHEME. THANKS!! MISS H MISS LI MISS KI

THE TIME WE POUR INTO ONE PAGE IS 3 HOURS FOR SKETCHING, 3 HOURS FOR THE TOUCH-UP, AND 3 HOURS FOR THE BACKGROUND, ADDING UP TO A TOTAL OF 9 HOURS. AND CONDI TAKES FOREVER. WE POURED A LOT OF LOVE AND EFFORT INTO THIS BOOK. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY IT. WAS IT FUN?


Threads of Time Studio Grand Tour
Author's desk Always dirty
Here, Miss B loses her mind drawing
Closet
Computer
This is Miss B's desk Always clean
Tone box where we put preliminary drafts
Miss K's desk
If you lie down here, you fall asleep right away
The bigger tone box
I
Radio
Bookcases
Vanity mirror
Bookcase filled with comic books
Entrance to the bathroom The glass is opaque so you can have a look!
There are lots of bottles that have been hidden away
This is the sink
II
(Younger brother's room) Younger brother? He's in the army right now
(Girls' bedroom) Empty room has bedding
(Kitchen) We eat meals here (Thanks mom!!)
Entrance
Entrance to the studio.
(Master bedroom) Parents' room
Q Where does the author sleep?
A Wherever she falls asleep
THE END..
See you in Vol.7 !!

Threads of Time™

In Volume 7

Flung into a Mongol military slave camp, Moon-Bin endures and endures and endures and that's about what I let you know beforehand.

Anyways, as I'm writing this, ToT v7 has been recently released. It seems from the planned release schedule of their's that ToT is being released every 4 months. So this 11 volumes total series should be finished by the end of year 2007.

-Jinchi

TOKYOPOP presents a special and continuing supplement to Threads of Time...

The Chronicles of Koryo

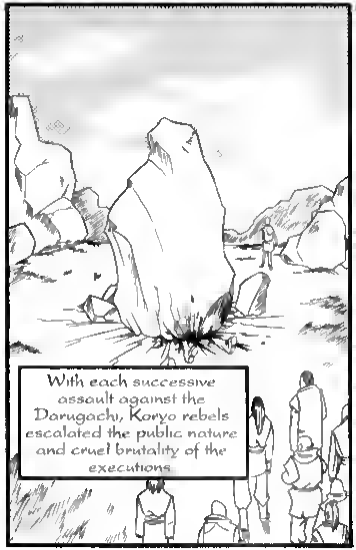
The Last Darugachi

Art by Morgan Luthi
Written by Brandon Montclare

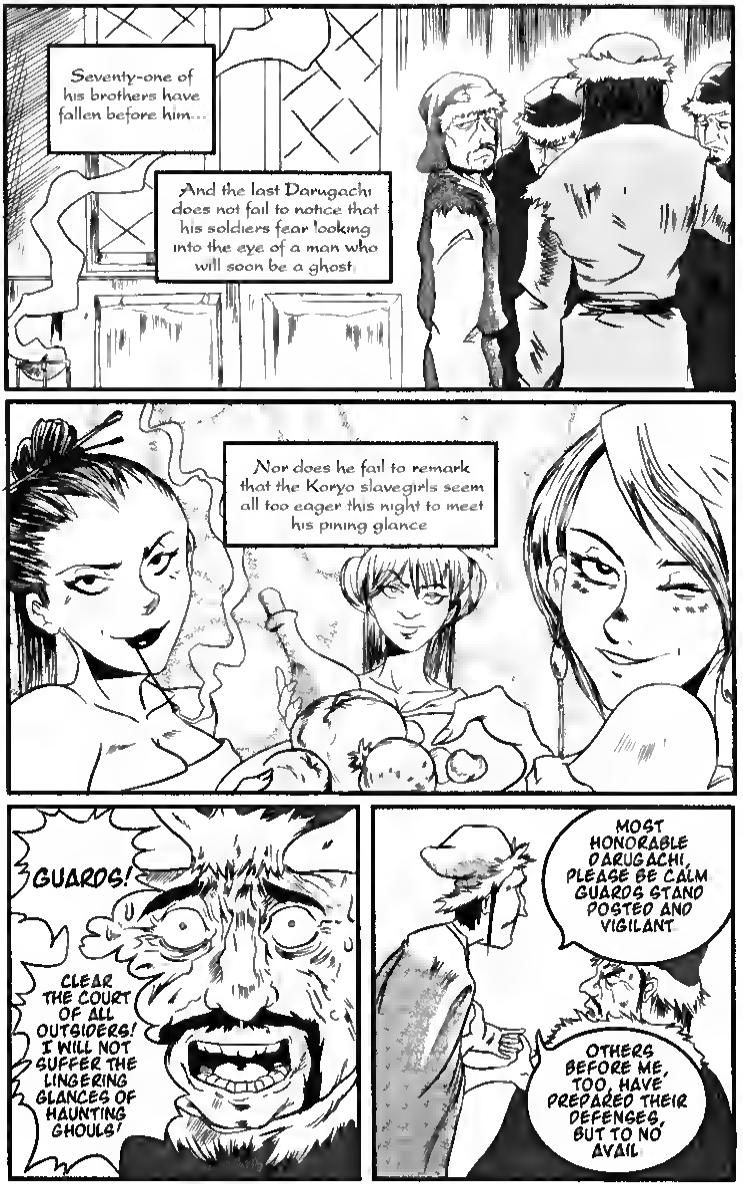
Kaesong
Capital of Koryo
July 19, 1231
The bounties of the Great Khan's newest vassalage have already become legend--flowing tributes of gold and silver, artifacts of the most ornate intricacy and women of surpassing beauty and delicate pleasure ..
Competition among Mongol nobility for the posts of Darugachi was fierce and rumor spread that at least one aspirant resorted to blood
But tonight, the spoils of the appointed title have lost their luster

It began on the first day of the new moon
GAK

GAH
One by one, each of the regional governors began to fall victim to mysterious assassination plots.

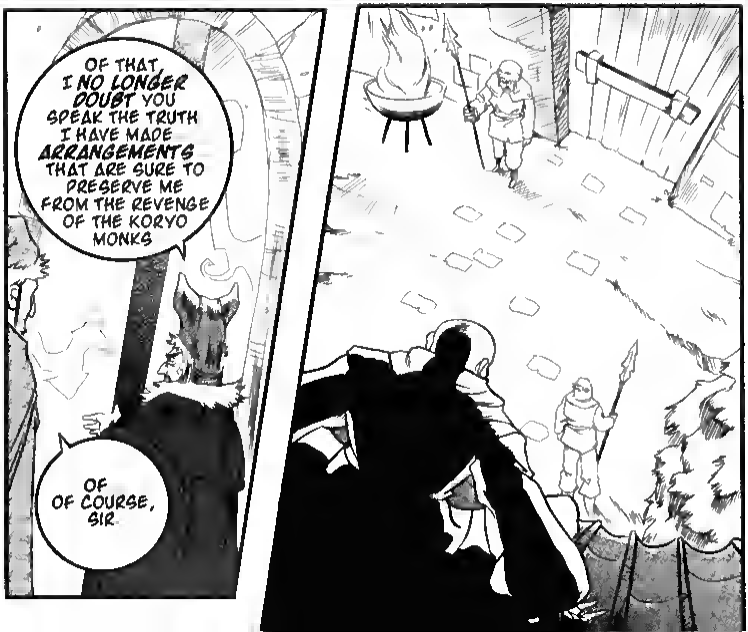

With each successive assault against the Darugachi, Koryo rebels escalated the public nature and cruel brutality of the executions.

As the next new moon began to rise, the time of the Darugachi neared its end


Seventy-one of his brothers have fallen before him...
And the last Darugachi does not fail to notice that his soldiers fear looking into the eye of a man who will soon be a ghost.
Nor does he fail to remark that the Koryo slavegirls seem all too eager this night to meet his pining glance
GUARDS!
CLEAR THE COURT OF ALL OUTSIDERS! I WILL NOT SUFFER THE LINGERING GLANCES OF HAUNTING GHOULS!
MOST HONORABLE DARUGACHI, PLEASE BE CALM GUARDS STAND POSTED AND VIGILANT.
OTHERS BEFORE ME, TOO, HAVE PREPARED THEIR DEFENSES, BUT TO NO AVAIL

THE OPERATIONS OF THESE ASSASSING MYSTIFY ALL RESISTENCE SOME SAY THAT BY THEIR DARK PRAYERS
THEY RAISED FROM THE KORYO EARTH FALLEN WARRIORS TO REQUITE THE SINS OF CONQUEST
AND THERE ARE OTHER REPORTS I HEAR OF THEIR CONJURING DEMONS BY PROFANE OATHS
OR PERHAPS THE MONKS THEMSELVES EMPLOY THE STRANGE ARTS AND UNCANNY WAYS OF THEIR ORDER TO EXECUTE THEIR DESIGNS

YOUR MEN ARE THE BRAVEST IN THE EMPIRE, MY LORD. BY THE EAST WIND, I SWEAR THAT NO ASSASSIN'S BLADE SHALL TOUCH YOU!


OF THAT I NO LONGER DOUBT YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE SURE TO PRESERVE ME FROM THE REVENGE OF THE KORYO MONKS
OF OF COURSE, SIR.

TAK
TAK
TAK
THUD
FWOOOOM
SLICK

ACK
GYAAAA!!
SLICE
ALARM!
ASSASSINS HAVE PENETRATED THE CASTLE!
SIR...!
MY LOR--!

The minions of the cruel and merciless Khan were certain to return, and in greater force and numbers. But despite even the most brutal show of might, never again did an overlord preside in Koryo--without himself being governed by a shadow of fear
TWITCH
END.